



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
July 16, 2013

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV, Council Chairman
Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I, Vice Chairman
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II, Chairman Pro Tem
Mr. Archie Barron, District III
Mr. Reg Dexter, District V

Oconee County Council met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members [except Mr. Barron], County Administrator Scott Moulder, Assistant Administrator Glenn Breed, Thomas L. Martin County Attorney, and Clerk to Council Elizabeth G. Hulse present.

Press: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available [upon request] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Ray Chandler-Anderson Independent & Norman Cannada -The Daily Journal.

Call to Order: Mr. Thrift called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment Session [related to specific agenda items]:

None at this meeting.

Public Comment Session [related to non-agenda items]:

Ms. Cynthia Jones, Blue Ridge Arts Council [BRAC] Board Representative, addressed Council utilizing a handout [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the new Heritage Arts & Crafts Center under the BRAC umbrella. Ms. Jones asked Council for \$2,500 startup funding for the new center.

Ms. Emilie Sons, Blue Ridge Arts Council [BRAC] Board Representative, addressed Council also requesting \$2,500 startup funding for the new center.

Mr. Berry Nichols addressed Council suggesting that it would be helpful for first responders if life vests used by rafters on the Chattooga River have GPS devices inserted to assist in finding them during a rescue.

County Council Response to Public Comment:

Mr. McCall noted that GPS requires that any antenna be above the water for either the cell signal or satellite signal to be utilized. In addition, he noted that the Walhalla pool is within one day of painting pending any further rain.

Meeting Recess Mr. Thrift announced a brief recess at 6:15 p.m.

Meeting Reconvenes Mr. Thrift reconvened the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Dexter led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Motion to Amend Agenda:

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 4 – 0 to amend the scheduled Executive Session to include discussion of litigation matters and contractual matters.

Minutes: Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 4 – 0 to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2013 regular meeting as presented.

Administrator’s Report & Agenda Summary

Mr. Moulder briefly reviewed with Council and for the public’s benefit specifics related to the following matters before Council at this meeting:

Public Hearing for Ordinance 2013-16

Third & Final Readings for Ordinance: 2013-07, 2013-15 & 2013-16

Second Reading for Ordinance 2013-09

Discussion Items to include:

Replacement Equipment for Current VM Ware Server Infrastructure

Council Committee Report:

Planning & Economic Development Committee & Transportation Committee

Executive Session

Public Hearing and Third & Final Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2013-16 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 26 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS, ONLY, AS TO THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 26-2 – PRIVATE ROAD STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS, THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 26-7(E) ENCROACHMENTS., AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FUNDING AND FEES POLICY RELATING TO ENCROACHMENT POLICIES OF OCONEE COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. Thrift opened the floor for Public Comment.

Noting that no citizens signed up to address Council; Mr. Thrift opened the floor for any citizen wishing to address Council regarding this ordinance.

Mr. Tom Markovich addressed Council in support of the revised language in Ordinance 2013-16; and asked Council to pass it on third & final reading.

No other citizens addressed Council regarding this ordinance.

Mr. Thrift asked if any citizens wished to submit written comments regarding this ordinance; no citizen presented any written comments for the record.

Mr. Thrift closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2013-16**.

Third & Final Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2013-07 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER AND CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 4 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2013-07** on third and final reading.

Ordinance 2013-15 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF EASEMENTS FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITIES ACROSS CERTAIN OCONEE COUNTY REAL PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE SAME; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 4 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2013-15** on third and final reading.

Ordinance 2013-16 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 26 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS, ONLY, AS TO THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 26-2 – PRIVATE ROAD STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS, THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 26-7(E) ENCROACHMENTS., AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FUNDING AND FEES POLICY RELATING TO ENCROACHMENT POLICIES OF OCONEE COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, to approve **Ordinance 2013-16** on third and final reading.

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 4 – 0 to amend **Ordinance 2013-16** as presented at the meeting.

Mr. Thrift called for the vote. The motion passed 4 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2013-16** as amended on third and final reading.

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

[Note: Public Hearings will be scheduled at or before third & final reading for the following ordinances as required]

Ordinance 2013-09 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 38 "ZONING" OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, INCLUDING ALL ZONING MAPS INCORPORATED THEREIN AND THEREBY, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS, ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO ”

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 4 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2013-09** on second reading and to schedule the required public hearing.

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

None Scheduled for this meeting.

First Reading of the Following Resolutions

None Scheduled for this meeting.

Discussion Regarding Action Items

Replacement Equipment for Current VM Ware Server Infrastructure / \$58,877.21

Mr. Moulder addressed Council regarding this item. Discussion followed regarding the price discrepancy from the quote and the requested amount. Mr. Moulder noted that tax, shipping and handling were noted on the quote to not be included in the total. Council requested the administrator to follow-up regarding this matter.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 4 – 0 to approve the purchase of server equipment to Data Network Solutions, Inc., of Chapin, SC in the amount of \$58,887.21.

Council Committee Reports

Planning & Economic Development Committee / Mr. Corbeil

Mr. Corbeil updated Council reading from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] regarding discussions that took place regarding various topics at the July 9, 2013 meeting.

Transportation Committee / Mr. Thrift

Mr. Thrift updated Council reading from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] regarding discussions that took place regarding various topics at the July 9, 2013 meeting.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 4 – 0 to approve the Road Improvement Project List and New Road Construction Project Lists as presented at the meeting [copies filed with these minutes].

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 4 – 0 to direct staff to finalize Mauldin Mill Road bridge design and specifications to be developed into bid documents and obtain the necessary right-of-way.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 4 – 0 to direct staff to finalize Megee Road bridge design and specifications to be developed into bid documents and obtain the necessary right-of-way.

Old Business

None at this meeting.

New Business

Adoption of Board/Commission Member Orientation Booklet / Ms. Hulse

Ms. Hulse addressed Council regarding the request to adopt the Board/Commission member Orientation Booklet; noting that it will provide newly appointed members for all boards and commissions consistent information regarding their roles and responsibilities. In addition, each staff liaison will also provide specific material related to their board/commission to assist in getting new members up to speed. Lastly, Ms. Hulse noted that Mr. Corbeil had asked for additional information to be included regarding attendance requirements; therefore, a suggested amendment was provided for Councils review [copy filed with these minutes].

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 4 – 0 to approve implementation of the Board/Commission Member Orientation Booklet as presented and to incorporate the reviewed attendance language as presented at this meeting.

SCAC Legislative Policy Development / Mr. Dexter

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 4 – 0, to have Council identify concerns and issues at the July 23, 2013 Budget, Finance & Administration Committee to be forwarded to the SCAC Legislative Policy Committees; the listing to be provided on Council stationary with all council members listed.

Executive Session:

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters and litigation matters.

Council entered Executive Session at 7:04 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. on a motion by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 4 – 0.

Mr. Thrift stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 4 – 0 to authorize the County Administrator to proceed with the Golden Corner Commerce Park negotiations as discussed in Executive Session.

Adjourn

Mr. McCall made a motion, approved unanimously 4 - 0, to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council